

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: :
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Robert Martinez et al. : Attorney Docket No.: 43315-232651
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Application No.: 10/584,213 : Art Unit: 2121
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Filed: May 8, 2007 : Examiner: S. Chang

Title: A METHOD IN A SAFETY SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING A PROCESS OR
EQUIPMENT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement issued September 24, 2009, Applicants restrict prosecution of this application to claims 1-14, 25 and 26, drawn to a method for controlling a process.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the basis that unity of invention exists among the groups of claims identified in the restriction requirement. This application is the national phase of PCT/IB2004/004177. Therefore, unity of invention rules apply to the application. Under unity of invention rules, groups of claims directed to more than one invention are permitted in an application. Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to 37 C.F.R. § 1.475 and M.P.E.P. § 1850 for a discussion of unity of invention. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all claims.

If an interview would advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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